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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, WZ

SUBJECT: LETTER BOMB BLAST IN MANZINI

1. LETTER BOMB BLAST, FIRST OF ITS KIND HERE IN EMBASSY'S MEMORY, OCCURRED JANUARY 23 WHEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO SOUTH AFRICAN REFUGEE A.B. DUMA EXPLODED AS HE COLLECTED IT FROM MANZINI POST OFFICE. DUMA LOST RIGHT FOREARM AND SUFFERED INJURIES TO LEFT ARM AND FACE; NO OTHER PERSONS WERE IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, DUMA (WHO HAS LIVED IN SWAZILAND FOR 15 YEARS) SAID HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED LETTER BOMB IN MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR BUT THAT HE HAD RECOGNIZED IT AND HAD REPORTED IT TO POLICE, WHO DEFUSED IT.

2. STILL NOT KNOWN WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR JANUARY 23 BOMB. ANONYMOUS CALLER, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT PAC, INFORMED LOCAL PAPER HIS
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ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING BOMB TO DUMAS, ACTIVE MEMBER OF ANC. HOWEVER, PAC MEMBERS IN SWAZILAND REJECT THIS CLAIM. TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION, PERSON IDENTIFIED AS "LEADING PAC OFFICIAL" SAID SEVERAL PAC MEMBERS HAD OFFERED TO DONATE BLOOD FOR DUMA. SAME OFFICIAL CLAIMS BOMB AND ANONYMOUS CALL ARE ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE PAC AND ANC.

3. COMMENT: CULPRIT(S) MAY INDEED BE OPPOSED TO ALL LIBERATION
ACTIVITIES AND BE SEEKING TO DIVERT ANC AND PAC FROM PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVES TO ISSUE OF THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD
SEEM POINT FINGER TO SOUTH AFRICAN(S), EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO
EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS SPECULATION.
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